

DM-556

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 29 March 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Col. White,
Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED],
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Mr. Dulles:

a) Briefly reported on the discussion held at the OCB meeting 27 March 1957 and noted that he had mentioned Amb. Bunker's cable indicating Nehru was inclined to believe the news stories printed in Germany respecting the alleged Rockefeller letter. The Director said we should send the material we have at hand to our stations where this letter may have an impact [REDACTED] The Director also said consideration should be given to sending this material to USIA and commented it would be helpful if a Member of Congress would make a speech on this scurrilous allegation in order that it could be picked up and appropriately used. DD/P undertook to get in touch with Mr. Rockefeller and find out which Member of Congress could best handle this.

c) Noted the President had approved the modification of the procedures of the 5412 Committee.

d) Noted he had been advised that the Rockefeller Foundation has an excellent report on Poland and asked DD/I to obtain a copy [REDACTED]

e) Asked DD/P to furnish him a report of our accomplishments during 1956 for use at our forthcoming budget presentation. The Director said this report should include letters we have received from Ambassadors and any other high ranking U. S. officials commending our people for exceptional service in carrying out particular operations (e.g. letter from Ambassador [REDACTED] to the Director commending [REDACTED] and two of his officers for outstanding service in connection with U. S. efforts to forestall the entry of [REDACTED] Communists into the Government [REDACTED]

Colonel White noted Mr. Corhal D. Orescan of the House Appropriations Committee Staff had commented that the Armed Services when appearing to defend their budgets, presented a much more comprehensive intelligence picture than CIA. The Director said he saw no reason why we should take a back seat and asked Colonel White to determine from Ruskin his views as to how we can improve our briefings and just what the Committee wants.

General Cabell:

Referred to an item in today's Watch Pot indicating that the Greeks had reported mass arrests in Sophia and recommended that if this could be verified it be reported in the CIB. The Director agreed [REDACTED]

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Mr. Wisner:

In connection with the above item, noted that the Communists have really taken the gloves off and entered into bare-knuckled propaganda broadcasts concerning alleged U. S. intervention in Hungary and Poland. He said that about all we have to combat this

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Reported that at State's request we had furnished the Department a dead-pan memorandum on the [REDACTED] case.

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Reported on the discussions now taking place at the London Disarmament Conference.

Colonel White:

a) Noted that Frank Nash (Nash Committee to Study U.S. Military Overseas Bases and Operating Facilities) had requested a briefing on or about 10 April. The Director asked Colonel White to find out exactly what Mr. Nash wanted, noting we should lend him all assistance.

b) Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on 27 March respecting AFOIN's request to co-locate at CIA's new building site and stated we had been successful in dissuading them in pursuing this further.


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